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U of T Community Responds to Tsunami Crisis

By Jessica Whiteside

MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE BEING held today on all three campuses for the University of Toronto community to remember victims of the tsunamis that struck South and Southeast Asia and parts of Africa Dec. 26.

On the St. George campus, a multi-ethnic, multi-faith service, organized by Student Affairs, will be held in the Great Hall at Hart House starting at 11 a.m. The service at U of T at Scarborough begins at 11 a.m. at the Meeting Place and the service at U of T at Mississauga is scheduled for noon in the UTM Student Centre presentation room.

The U of T flag over Simcoe Hall flew at half-mast last week in memory of the victims of one of

the worst natural disasters in recent history — at press time, the death toll approached 150,000. As news of the disaster emerged, the university — which was closed for the holidays — mobilized to support students and staff who may have been affected by the crisis.

"The first thing we worried about was locating and supporting students and staff," said Professor David Farrar, vice-provost (students). "As soon as the reports started to come out, we e-mailed all the listservs we had for exchange students and international students — anyone we knew who might be in or from the area."

The university also opened the International Students' Centre to

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Architecture Student Aids Rebuilding Effort

By Mary Alice Thring

ZENIN ADRIAN IS A MASTER'S student in architecture who is taking a year off in his native Indonesia before completing his degree.

While in Jakarta, he has maintained links with the Young Indonesian Architects Forum, which was immediately called upon by UNICEF to assist in the layout of the first phase of post-tsunami reconstruction — providing immediate shelter needs for refugees.

"We are helping with planning the layout of refugee camps in Banda Aceh which will be occupied for the next six months to a year while waiting for replacement housing to be being built," Adrian said in an e-mail interview from Jakarta. "We are doing our best with our skill and expertise although we are not physically in the devastated area. But we are committed to make ourselves available whenever there is a need for our presence."

TO HELP

Visit www.utoronto.ca/president/; the president's statement includes a list of some of the non-governmental organizations accepting donations that will be matched by the federal government until Jan. 11.

The UN and organizations such as the Red Cross and Indonesian army are providing basic shelter in the form of canvas tents. While developing the layouts for the camps, Adrian said, consideration must be given to the social structure based on the existing cultural values. UNICEF's standard is five-person tents, grouped into five groups of 15 tents. Each group shares and manages a set of temporary bathrooms. Every group of 15 has a common space and the entire community group shares and manages an emergency kitchen and a large tent for common purposes such as praying and children's activities.

"We are still communicating with the volunteer workers in Aceh about providing any form of space for schools. Currently, the schools have not started yet because most of the teachers are lost in the disaster," he said.

"I hope I would be able to stay in Indonesia longer to provide more contribution. For the next project, we are organizing a fundraising event to rebuild school and other educational facilities. I would like to finish my degree soon and return to Indonesia afterward since the rebuilding effort will take years to carry on. While at U of T, I will stay in contact with my colleagues in Indonesia to provide more assistance anyway I can."

A HELPING HAND



PASCAL PAQUETTE

Sujany Krishnalingam, a second-year materials science and engineering student and member of the Toronto student volunteer program, sold ribbons in the lobby of the Bahen Centre for Information Technology last week to help raise funds for victims of the Dec. 26 tsunamis.

Clinical Faculty Role, Procedures Codified

By Elaine Smith

ACADEMIC FREEDOM FOR CLINICAL faculty is now more formally protected, say university administrators, following approval by Governing Council Dec. 16 of a broad policy governing clinical faculty appointments.

The overwhelming majority of U of T's approximately 1,300 full-time and 2,000 adjunct and part-time clinical faculty are self-employed professionals, not direct employees of the university. The new policy serves to clarify the relationship between these physicians and the university while recognizing their complex working environment. This environment includes the hospitals where they practise, professional self-regulatory arrangements and the practice plans through which they pool their earnings. The new policy defines clinical faculty and provides mechanisms for appointment, dispute resolution and protection of academic freedom in the hospital setting. It also protects their university academic

appointments from being terminated except for cause.

"This is a milestone," said Provost Vivek Goel. "It is the first time university policy clearly governs clinical faculty and defines their rights and responsibilities. Given our deepening ties with our teaching hospitals, it's imperative that everyone understands his/her role."

The policy is one that has been 29 years in the making. In 1975 implementation of the Policy and Procedures on Academic Appointments was delayed for clinical faculty, pending further advice from the Faculty of Medicine. In 2002 then-provost Adel Sedra struck a task force to clarify the relationship between clinical faculty and the university. Extensive consultation with medical staff associations and medical advisory committees at affiliated teaching hospitals, clinical department chairs, hospital administrators as well as with the U of T Faculty Association has now resulted in a workable policy, said Professor David Naylor,

dean of medicine.

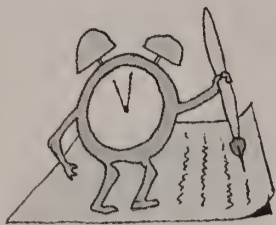
"Clinical colleagues wanted a direct relationship with the university after three decades of ambiguity," Naylor said. "We now have clear definitions of categories of appointment, dispute resolution processes that involve clinical peers and an unambiguous mechanism to address academic freedom issues in the clinical setting."

The policy has been endorsed by the elected medical staff associations, the CEOs and chairs of the medical advisory committees for the nine affiliated teaching hospitals and the clinical leadership of the Faculty of Medicine. In a web survey of clinical faculty administered by the Ontario Medical Association this spring on behalf of the medical staff associations, 83 per cent of 418 respondents agreed with a statement endorsing the policy.

Dr. Paul Dorian, president of the Medical Staff Association at St. Michael's Hospital and chair of

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IN BRIEF



CASELOAD INCREASES FOR OMBUDSPERSON

MARY WARD, U OF T OMBUDSPERSON, REPORTED A 13 PER CENT INCREASE IN queries and complaints to her office over the previous year in her annual report to Governing Council Dec. 13. The number one reason for contacting her office was policy interpretation questions (such as petition issues, grade disputes, supervisory issues and discussion of university rules and regulations) from faculty, staff and students, she said, noting that last year's caseload had hit a seven-year high. "It's always conjecture as to why numbers go up and down year over year but there are likely several contributing factors," Ward said. She pointed to a large increase in student enrolment, turnover in the professoriate and senior leadership as well as campus-wide efforts to raise awareness of the office in general. "I would say more people are now aware of what we do and know where to turn when they have questions."

SEARCH COMMITTEE ACCEPTING PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR U of T's 15th president until Jan. 31. Janet Wright and Associates of Toronto has been engaged to help find a replacement for former president Robert Birgeneau. The new president's mandate will be to increase the university's capacity for creating knowledge and advancing research and scholarship, enhancing the quality of student experience, fostering a culture that attracts, motivates, recognizes and retains excellent faculty and building effective relationships that will advance the university's interests and those of post-secondary education in general as well as being a strong external representative and a champion of the university as a force for public good. The president of U of T is required by statute to be a Canadian citizen. Nominations can be e-mailed to uoftpresident@jwasearch.com.

TECHNOLOGY AWARDS PROGRAM ISSUES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE AT U OF T WHO IS USING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY in new and interesting ways? They may be eligible for recognition as part of U of T's technology awards program. The program was created to "recognize, reward and share the university's achievements in improving the quality and reducing the cost of higher education programs and services through the use of [information] technology," according to the awards application web page. One of the annual \$1,000 awards will be for the best new computer-based application or service from a U of T department. Two others will go to individual administrative staff who have provided or furthered the use of information technology at U of T. Prizes and plaques will be presented at the university's third annual Techknowfile conference, May 10 to 11 at University College. Award nominations are due by Feb. 14: please visit the conference website at www.techknowfile.utoronto.ca for more information.

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As approved by Governing Council, Feb. 3, 1988

AWARDS & HONOURS

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

PROFESSOR BRUCE BALLON AND JOHN TESHIMA, A LECTURER in psychiatry, are winners of Junior Faculty Development Awards of the Association for Academic Psychiatry, given in recognition of promising junior faculty. The award provides an opportunity to attend the annual meeting where new educators learn and share teaching techniques, skills and innovations and establish links with other experienced educators as well as networking with other junior faculty from across the country. The awards were presented at the annual meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., in October.

PROFESSOR DANIEL CATTRAN OF MEDICINE HAS BEEN awarded the Kidney Foundation of Canada's Medal for Research Excellence, given annually to a Canadian researcher whose work is recognized by his or her peers to have significantly advanced the treatment of kidney disease and related conditions. Cattran received the award in October for his contributions to new knowledge and the treatment of end-stage renal disease.

PRESIDENT EMERITUS JOHN EVANS, PROFESSOR EMERITUS of medicine, is this year's recipient of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Distinguished Leadership Award, established in 2002 to recognize outstanding efforts of individuals with a special interest in health research who have made contributions of both significance and influence with respect to Canada's health research enterprise. Evans received the award in November at a CIHR awards ceremony in Ottawa in recognition of more than 35 years of leadership in the health, research and innovation sectors.

PROFESSOR SERGIO GRINSTEIN OF BIOCHEMISTRY WAS awarded the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Michael Smith Award in Health Research, established in honour of Smith, co-winner of the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1993. Grinstein received the prize, given in recognition of innovation, creativity, leadership and dedication to health research, in November at a CIHR awards ceremony in Ottawa.

PROFESSOR ALEJANDRO JADAD OF ANESTHESIA IS THE WINNER of a Canadian Latin American Achievement Award, given in recognition of his contribution to the development of a strong relationship between Canada and

the Hispanic world. Jadad received the award Sept. 25 at the Premio Somos, Latin American Achievement Awards Canada, an award ceremony that recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the Latin American community of Canada.

PROFESSOR LARRY LIBRACH OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY medicine was recognized for his long-term contributions to palliative medicine at the annual conference of the Science and Art of Pain and Symptom Management in November. Librach founded and became the first director of the Palliative Care Service at the Toronto Western Hospital in 1978 and in 1999 was named the W. Gifford-Jones Professor in Pain Control and Palliative Care. He is past president of the Ontario Palliative Care Association and the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians and is a member of the board and executive of the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association.

U OF T AT MISSISSAUGA

ARIEL BEAUJOT OF HISTORY AND CLASSICS IS THE WINNER of the Teaching Excellence Award for outstanding teaching by a teaching assistant, given in recognition of the contributions teaching assistants make towards the achievement of excellence in undergraduate teaching; Professors Wagih Ghobriel of chemical and physical sciences and Angela Lange of biology are the winners of Teaching Excellence Award for outstanding teaching by a faculty member, recognizing excellence in undergraduate teaching at UTM; and Carolyn Moon, administrative co-ordinator in the Department of Biology, won the Staff Service Award, honouring staff who have contributed to the life of UTM in ways over and above job requirements. The awards were presented at a reception to honour recipients Nov. 2.



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the Clinical Teachers Association of Toronto, said approval of the new policy is a positive step for clinicians.

"We applaud the efforts of the provost and the dean in helping clinical faculty escape from a policy vacuum," Dorian said. "This will now allow us to move forward. It's important that our rights and responsibilities as clinical faculty be defined and that there are processes to which we have recourse."

Under the approved policy, dispute resolution mechanisms for university matters will be modelled after the existing processes including the provision for binding arbitration of university grievances. However, clinical faculty will sit on any clinical grievance review panels.

If a grievance involves a matter of academic freedom in the clinical setting, it can now be referred to an academic clinical tribunal. This process, led by U of T, could issue a binding determination of

fact, which must be accepted by the parties. The new policy also calls for the creation of a clinical relations committee, which would oversee ratification, review and revisions to the policy and related procedures.

"The leaders of the medical staff associations, medical advisory committees and teaching hospitals have come together brilliantly to move this concept forward in the last two or three years. They'll continue to participate actively in its evolution and implementation through the new clinical relations committee," Naylor added.

Professor George Luste, president of UTFA, said at the meeting that his organization wouldn't challenge the policy but would reserve the right to do so in future, both on UTFA's behalf and on behalf of clinical faculty.

"We wanted to be assured that clinical faculty had protection for their rights of academic freedom that are the same as those I and other non-clinical faculty enjoy,"

he told council. "We do have serious concerns about the procedures for protecting academic freedom. We don't think they're equivalent but perhaps we're wrong. Perhaps it will evolve."

In response to UTFA's concerns about representation, the new policy includes access to a clinical faculty advocate to provide support during dispute resolution. This person, a senior colleague, will be independent of hospital and university administrations and will report directly to the medical staff associations.

"The approved policy provides better protection for clinical faculty on issues of academic freedom," said Goel. "Now, the university has a clear window to determine if there is a breach of academic freedom and the hospitals have agreed not to challenge our findings. Previously, our role in disputes arising in the hospital setting was ambiguous."

The new policy will take effect July 1, 2005.

Researcher Redirects Efforts to Disaster Relief

By Sonnet L'Abbé

THARSI YOGANATHAN WAS A RECENT U of T graduate when peace talks began in Sri Lanka three years ago.

As soon as it became possible to send help, Yoganathan started Tamil Emergency Medical Services (TEMS). She pulled together a group of health professionals and university graduates to assist the civilians of north and eastern Sri Lanka, ravaged by more than 20 years of civil war.

In the wake of the Dec 26 tsunami, Yoganathan finds herself leading an organization uniquely poised to help one of Asia's hardest hit populations. For the past three years, TEMS has been providing medical supplies and training to the mainly Tamil-populated area. This network that delivered blood pressure kits, surgical equipment and crutches now funnels antibiotics, first-aid supplies and bedpans to the devastated area.

Local politics means getting aid to this part of Sri Lanka is difficult, said Yoganathan, a research assistant at the Centre for Research in Women's Health, a partnership between U of T and Sunnybrook.

At press time, the death toll in Sri Lanka stood at more than 30,000 (including 18,000 in the east alone) and is expected to rise. "That part of Sri Lanka is not getting the aid it should," she said.

Whether it is responding to the demands of a war relief effort or hearing the cry for help following a natural disaster, Yoganathan embodies a commitment to acting in the moment. "Since the tsunami, we've basically put our personal lives on hold," she said, speaking of the roughly 30 members of TEMS, about one-third of whom are fellow U of T graduates.

So far TEMS has received a good response to its call for help but more antibiotics must be collected. "Suddenly you have thousands of people needing the same medication. Their facilities are washed out, they don't have space for everything so we need to send antibiotics that will assist in containing disease."

Yoganathan mentioned little of her personal relationship to the tragedy, though she said she is waiting to hear from an aunt. Many of her friends have lost entire families. "In Sri Lanka, if you live in a small town, everybody in that town is related to you. It's not like in Canada where one person lives in Scarborough and another in Mississauga." Yoganathan herself has not been to Sri Lanka since leaving as a toddler with her family, yet distance has no bearing on her passion. She seems undaunted by the massive new demands on her still young organization.

"I just try to do as much as I can from the outside."



STEVE BEHAL

Sandra Little (left) and Alison Waller, both graduate students in chemical engineering, helped put on a spaghetti-sale fundraiser in the Wallberg Building Jan. 7, one of countless activities organized across all three campuses last week for tsunami disaster relief.

Students Give Money, Time and Energy

By Sue Toye

FROM RIBBON CAMPAIGNS TO food sales to donation booths, student organizations across all three campuses are eagerly raising funds for the victims of last month's tsunami disaster.

Among the many initiatives, engineering students launched a white-ribbon campaign, students at the Rotman School of Management organized a lunchtime fundraiser, and law students set up a donation booth to collect funds for the Red Cross. There are also messages of condolence to tsunami victims and links to aid organizations on various university websites.

Working with the student affairs and services office at U of T at Scarborough, various student organizations launched the UTSC Tsunami Relief Fund Jan. 3. Their goal is to raise \$9,000 for the Red Cross by the end of the month. Their message — a ray of hope, a sign of peace, an act of love.

Adam Watson, president and chief executive officer of the

Scarborough Campus Students' Union, was overwhelmed by voice messages and e-mails from student groups when he returned to campus Jan. 3. "I was surprised and really pleased," he said. "It's one of those times when you're really proud to be a student leader."

Gwen Agboat, a first-year student in social sciences at UTSC, has issued a challenge to the community — she will match every dollar donated to a maximum of \$10,000. Agboat, who returned to university as a mature student, had saved the money for school and home renovations but wanted to put it to better use. "Given the situation, I think \$100 or \$200 is great but we have to do as much as we possibly can," Agboat said.

Vaithu Tharma, president of the St. George chapter of the Toronto student volunteer program, was on hand with other volunteers selling white ribbons at the Bahen Centre for Information Technology last week. By Wednesday, they had nearly met their \$3,000 goal. For Tharma, a second-year math and physics student originally from

Sri Lanka, the devastation of the tsunamis in her home country was her motivation to help. "All Sri Lankans all over the island are like relatives to me so I feel that by raising all of this money, I will be able to help all of those individuals," she said.

Students at U of T at Mississauga bought pizza and pop to raise funds for relief efforts last week. Other students have also been selling ribbons or collecting clothes and non-perishable food items. Student groups will work with the Erindale College Student Union to launch a fundraising event this week.

A university-wide initiative led by students and the University of Toronto International Health Program is also being organized to create a tsunami relief committee. Organizer Saswata Deb, a first-year medical student, is enthusiastic about the prospect of the entire university coming together for one cause. "This is our chance to unite everybody and really show our spirit to raise money for a much needed cause."

South Asian Students Respond

By Christina Marshall

WHILE THE UNIVERSITY OF Toronto was closed for the holidays, the hearts of its students were open.

The tsunami disaster personally touched the lives of several members of the student community — 433 international students at U of T are from some of the most affected countries: Thailand, Sri Lanka, India and Indonesia.

On Dec. 27, Kanna Velauthapillar, a U of T medical student born in Sri Lanka, saw an appeal on television by Tamil Emergency Medical Services for volunteers interested in collecting supplies for the relief effort. After contacting the organizer, she rounded up a few classmates and teamed up with students from other programs and

community volunteers.

Within three days the volunteers had gathered enough supplies and medication to fill two rooms. The generosity of the hospitals, medical suppliers, pharmaceutical companies and community physicians donating the supplies was overwhelming, she said. A shipment has already left for the Tamil Rehabilitation Organization in Sri Lanka.

"We're still continuing to collect medical supplies and medications," said Velauthapillar, whose relatives survived the devastation.

The tsunamis left Shalane Katugampola, a second-year student in economic and international development studies at U of T at Scarborough, with mixed emotions.

Her family, now based in Toronto, still has many relatives in

Sri Lanka. When the tsunamis hit, she was particularly concerned about her aunt who had rented a beach house in Galle with four other families over the holidays.

In a twist of fate, her aunt was not feeling well and stayed home while the other four families went ahead with their vacation plans. The other families were all swept away.

Although Katugampola's immediate family survived, her concern for the well-being of others has driven her to participate in a large fundraising effort through a local Buddhist temple.

Nurcahyo Basuki, a graduate student in geology whose family is from Indonesia, has become very involved in relief efforts through the GTA Indonesian community. Even his nine-year-old son is taking action, raising money for UNICEF.



DAVID STREET

Tharsi Yoganathan

Faculty, Staff Pitch In for Tsunami Relief

By Michah Rynor

STUDENTS WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES on campus stepping up fundraising efforts in response to last month's tsunami disaster.

Many staff and faculty members took it upon themselves to organize within their local communities and on campus.

Professor Judith Silver of OISE/UT, for example, made a last-minute revision to the U of T Folk Dance Club's New Year's Eve party and ended up bringing in much-needed aid for the Red Cross amidst the festivities.

Silver lost her husband, former OISE/UT researcher William Baird, to a heart attack on Jan. 1, 2004 and had already planned a party with the club in his honour. "I put the word out that there would be a box available at the party for people to contribute money and we raised \$250," she said.

Bob Ganguly, director of the International Innovation Projects (IIP) at U of T, organized, along with Professor Roger Hansell of the Institute for Environmental Studies, a benefit concert-variety show with prize draws jointly sponsored by IIP, the *Journal of Environmental Peace* and the zoology department. Hitting the boards Jan. 7 were singers, morris

dancers (traditional English dancing), a piano recital and a magic show at the Ramsey Wright Zoological Laboratories.

"These people who have been hit hard by this tragedy are my brothers and sisters even though they aren't related to me," said Ganguly, who came to Canada six years ago from India. "It is a nightmare that these people are going through. We have to remember that this sort of thing can happen in any part of the world so we all have to work together."

"When I was watching the television reports it was so devastating that I thought someone has to do something for these people but at the time I didn't realize that everyone else in Toronto was thinking the same way," said Urooj Khan, who works for the registrar's office at UTSC.

So far, Khan has helped raise over \$35,000 through the North American Muslim Foundation's "operation mercy" where she volunteers. In its press release, the foundation states it has taken the initiative to mobilize the entire Muslim community in the Greater Toronto Area to gathering money, antibiotics, pain relief medications, bandages, baby food, bottled water, cooking utensils and canned and dry foods.

IN MEMORIAM

Bryden Had Brilliant Insights Into Theatre

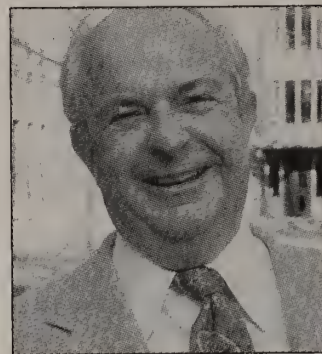
PROFESSOR EMERITUS RONALD Bryden, a former director of the Graduate Centre for Study of Drama, died Nov. 22 from complications following heart surgery. He was 76. A prominent journalist, scholar, drama critic and dramaturge, Bryden devoted his professional life to writing and teaching about theatre.

Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Bryden came to Canada as a teenager and completed his high school education at Ridley College near St. Catharines, Ont. He then attended Trinity College, graduating with a bachelor of arts in English language and literature in 1950. Bryden earned a second bachelor's degree from the University of Cambridge in 1953, followed by an MA in 1958.

From the mid-1950s to the early 1970s, Bryden worked for the BBC in London as a print and broadcast journalist. In the 1960s, he became one of the most widely read and most respected theatre critics in England. Bryden was the literary editor of *The Spectator* from 1961 to 1963 and the drama critic for the *New Statesman* from 1964 to 1966 and *The Observer* from 1966 to 1971.

In 1966 Bryden "discovered" the work of playwright Tom Stoppard, then an unknown freelance scriptwriter and journalist.

Stoppard's play, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in a student production. While other



critics panned the play, Bryden called it "the most brilliant debut by a young playwright since John Arden." *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* later opened on Broadway. Bryden left journalism in 1971 to work as a dramaturge at the Royal Shakespeare Company in England, a position he held for five years.

In 1976 Bryden came to U of T as a visiting professor at the Graduate Centre for Study of Drama, becoming a full professor and acting director in 1979. Bryden then served two terms as director, from 1981 to 1991, taking the 1985-86 academic year off for a sabbatical. He retired in 1993.

In his years at U of T, Bryden

inspired many students. "He was my mentor and my champion, as he was for every one of his students," said Paula Sperdakos, a drama professor at U of T at Scarborough who chose Bryden as her thesis adviser. "He had the gift of making each of us feel that we were special."

In addition, Bryden served on the boards of several theatre organizations, including the Stratford and Shaw festivals and the Canadian Stage Company. A prolific writer, Bryden also wrote numerous essays and is the author of two collections of essays, *The Unfinished Hero and Other Essays* (1969) and *Shaw and His Contemporaries* (2002).

"One of the great pleasures — and there were many — in knowing Ron was simply being in his witty, warm, humorous, insightful presence," said Professor Richard Plant, a longtime friend and colleague. "Like many, many others I joyfully sat at his feet listening and I learned immensely from him — about theatre, performances, playwrights and plays; about critical standards and about writing and expressing oneself. But most of all, I learned of and from his enormous generosity of spirit."

"I count myself fortunate in having known him and I fear we will not see his like again."

HART HOUSE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday, January 10

Amateur Radio Club Open Meeting 5:30pm in the South Dining Room.
Singers Sign-up - 6:30pm in the Great Hall.

Thursday, January 13

Drama Society Open Meeting - 5pm in the Music Room. All welcome.
STAGES - Tom Phoolery, 9pm in the Arbor Room. Licensed. No cover.

Friday, January 14

Graduate Committee Dinner Series with Steve Paiken, Author/TVO Commentator "The Highs and Lows of Political Life", 6pm reception for 6:30 dinner. Tickets for Hart House alumni members and their guests \$45/U of T students \$25 each available at the Membership Services Office.
Jazz at Oscars - Toronto Jazz Orchestra, 9pm, Arbor Room. Licensed. No cover.

Wednesday, January 19

International Day 5 Buck Lunch with the International Students Centre, 11:30am-2pm in the Great Hall. \$5. All welcome.

Thursday, January 20

Worlds of Music Concert - 8:30pm in the Arbor Room. Licensed. No cover. Free.
Bridge Lessons for Beginners 8-week course begins at 6:30 pm in the Reading Room. Free with your \$15 Hart House Bridge Club membership.

Saturday, January 22

Winter Carnival at Hart House Farm. See add this issue.

CONTESTS Entry forms available from the poster rack in the rotunda

23rd Annual Literary Contest submission deadline: Jan. 14

Hart House Review submission deadline: Jan. 21.

Poetry Prize submission deadline: Feb. 4.

Hart House Art Competition submission deadline: Fri. Mar. 4 and Sat. Mar. 5.

ART 416.978.8398 www.utoronto.ca/gallery

The Justina M. Barnicke Gallery - "Refigured", works from the Hart House Permanent Collection highlighting alternative treatments of the figure in Canadian Art. Runs to Jan. 27. The Arbor Room - Wing Yee Tong, "Stani Pictures" Runs to Jan. 15. Denise Wilson, exhibition, Runs Jan. 17-Mar. 19.

HART HOUSE THEATRE www.harthousetheatre.ca

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U of T Drama Festival runs Jan. 19-22. Tickets: \$12/\$10.

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Nominations Open

at 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 17, 2005

Nominations Close

at 12:00 noon Friday, January 28, 2005

Positions Available

For 1-year terms from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006:

8 Students

- 4 full-time undergraduate students
- 2 part-time undergraduate students
- 2 graduate students

For 3-year terms from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008:

4 Teaching Staff

- Arts & Science (Departments of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Study of Religion)
- University of Toronto at Mississauga
- OISE/UT
- Architecture, Landscape and Design; Rotman School of Management; Forestry; Information Studies; Law; Music; Social Work

Nomination Forms will be available starting at 9:00

a.m. Monday, January 17, 2005 on the Governing Council website: www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/ and from the Office of the Governing Council, Room 106, Simcoe Hall; the Registrar's Office, UTM; and the Registrar's Office, UTSC.

Work of the Governing Council

The Governing Council is composed of 50 members, including the President, Chancellor, 16 government appointees, 12 teaching staff, 8 alumni, 8 students, 2 administrative staff and 2 presidential appointees.

As the senior governing body, it oversees the academic, business and student affairs of the University. Decisions approved by the Governing Council affect all members of the University community.

The Council and its Boards are responsible for approving:

- Academic and incidental fees
- Establishment of new academic programs
- Admissions and awards policies
- University's budget and financial matters
- Campus planning and capital projects
- Personnel policies
- Campus and student services
- Appointment of senior administrators

QUESTIONS?

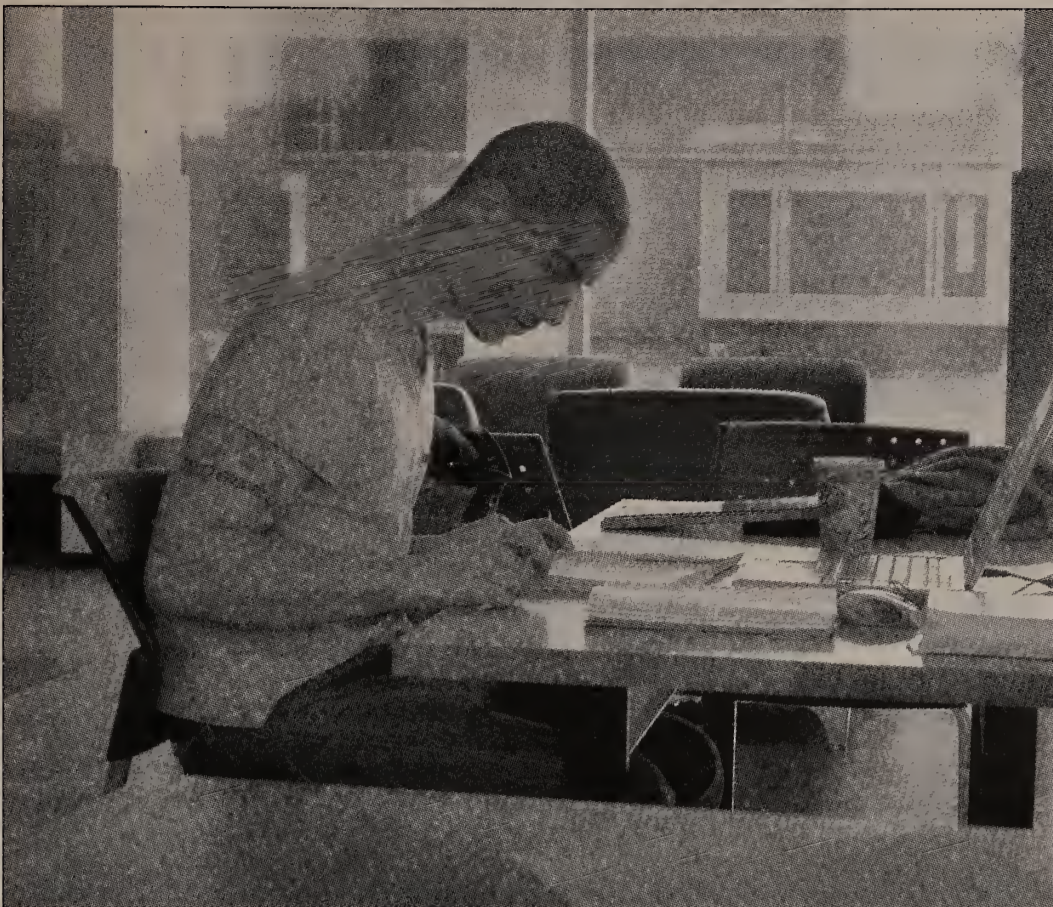
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CREATING SPACE



Second-year architecture student Carlo Nasturzio has been using the new Sidney Smith patio every day since it opened Jan. 3. The fully accessible enclosed patio offers 1,000 square metres of wireless, study and lounge space. In addition to being "central and a great place to study," Nasturzio says it's a great place for socializing too.

PASCAL PAQUETTE

Conception Possible After UAE

By Elaine Smith

PROFESSOR GAYLENE PRON OF public health sciences is able to offer hope to women with uterine fibroids who fear they may never be able to have children.

Twenty-one women who underwent uterine arterial embolization (UAE), a minimally invasive procedure used to shrink fibroids, were later able to conceive, Pron said of her research results which appear in the January issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*. In the study, 18 live births resulted from these pregnancies.

Pron and colleagues essentially stumbled across the data on pregnancies while following up on a clinical treatment trial of 555 Ontario women who underwent UAE between 1998 and 2000.

"These are women who had a hysterectomy recommended and tried embolization first to see if that would alleviate their fibroid problems," Pron said. "The last

little turn in the road — their pregnancies — was quite unexpected, because many were older, had a large fibroid burden and had experienced miscarriages.

"This is very dramatic and encouraging for other women with fibroids who want to get pregnant but may not be candidates for a myomectomy [surgery to remove the fibroids from the uterus]."

The data raise more questions than they answer, said Pron. For instance, should women with fibroids seek UAE treatment first, then myomectomy if necessary? The UAE veterans also had a high rate of placenta previa, an awkward positioning of the placenta that may require a Caesarean section. However, Pron said this may also be due to the age of the women, an average of 34. The risk of placenta previa increases with age.

"We'd love to answer some of these questions," said Pron. "Some of us are pointing at the need for a trial comparing the

effectiveness of myomectomies and UAE in preserving fertility in women with uterine fibroids."

The Society of Interventional Radiologists has convened a task force to recommend the types of research trials necessary to offer women more information.

"Once the society decides on a strategic direction, they should throw some resources at this issue."

Pron never expected to be on the cutting edge of fertility research when she began examining UAE about six years ago. She was working in medical imaging and heard about UAE at a conference in Europe.

"My interest was more in evaluating a new health technique that could have a tremendous impact on a major public health burden," she said. "I'm not going to say women shouldn't choose hysterectomies, but women should be given information about all the choices available to them and be informed about the risks."

Library Makes Books Available via Internet

By Michah Rynor

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT LIBRARY NEWS hits the front page of the *New York Times* but that's what happened when it was recently announced that Google, the world's foremost Internet search engine, was working with libraries to put thousands upon thousands of books on the Internet.

And while U of T is not part of this particular accessibility program, the university is at the forefront of making books available to anyone within reach of a computer, said Carole Moore, chief librarian.

"We have been digitizing books for years using federal heritage grants as well as funds from various foundations," Moore said. "We've actually digitized nearly 20,000 of our out-of-print and out-of-copyright books over the past decade."

U of T has been involved in the San Francisco-based Internet Archives program that has been making books available online with the objective of keeping them in the public domain.

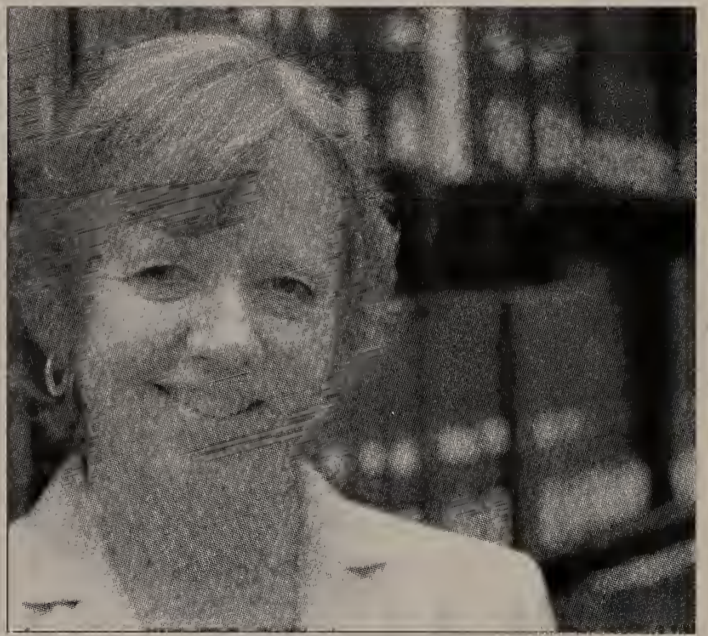
"There is a concern with the private sector investing in the digitization of books such as in the Google case that these books may end up being copyrighted by those paying for this business initiative," Moore said. "So the

Internet Archives, which we are working on along with 11 other worldwide libraries including the renowned Carnegie Mellon in Pennsylvania and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt, is ensuring the ongoing accessibility of these books."

The Internet Archives is testing a robotic scanner that can capture an entire book for as little as \$10 and so far over 300 U of T books have been scanned this way. And what many don't know is that the Kelly Library at St. Michael's College is testing a robotic scanner as part of this larger experiment right now.

"At St. Mike's, the Internet Archives project is currently scanning books from the Renaissance and Reformation collections as well as a number of French texts from the 19th century," Moore said. "These will then be made available on the World Wide Web — and major libraries across the country, including the National Library in Ottawa, are watching with interest."

Moore added that it wouldn't be difficult to have all of Canada's heritage titles online, making Canada the first country in the world to do so. U of T, she adds, was until recently scanning 200 books a week but that number has dropped dramatically due to funding constraints.

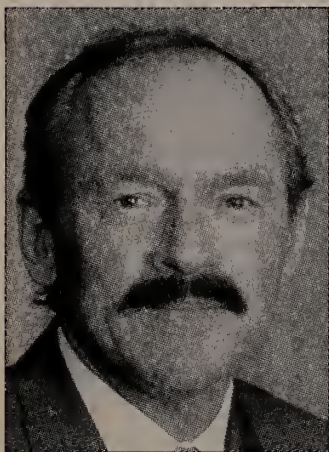


Carol Moore, chief librarian

MICHAEL ANDRECHUK

Dellandrea Going to Oxford

By Jessica Whiteside



Jon Dellandrea

JON DELLANDREA, VICE-PRESIDENT and chief advancement officer, will become pro-vice-chancellor (development and external relations) at the University of Oxford, beginning October 2005.

"Jon Dellandrea has served the University of Toronto with passion, intensity and enormous success in his 11 years as VP," said Frank Iacobucci, interim president. "His history with U of T as a student, staff member and most

recently as vice-president and chief advancement officer is filled with accomplishment and his dedication to the university is extraordinary. We will miss his sage advice and boundless enthusiasm."

In 2003, under Dellandrea's leadership, the university completed its ambitious campaign one year ahead of schedule. The campaign succeeded in raising more than \$1 billion for students, faculty and programs — the first and to date only Canadian university to do so. It attracted gifts from

112,000 donors; of these, 50,000 made their first-ever gift to the university and 217 made gifts of \$1 million or more. The funds raised made a significant difference to advancing the university's mission, increasing endowed chairs from 15 in 1995 to 175 by the end of the campaign and the endowment for student aid from \$69 million in 1995 to \$500 million in 2003.

"The University of Toronto is home for me and leaving is not easy," Dellandrea said. "It has been an enormous privilege to

serve at one of North America's premier universities. Now, this move to Oxford offers a singular opportunity to serve one of Europe's finest institutions."

Added Iacobucci, "One of Jon's great legacies to the university is the talented group of individuals he recruited, educated and inspired. They stand ready to continue our advancement efforts as we begin the process of seeking a new vice-president and chief advancement officer."

Dellandrea will remain at U of T until the end of June 2005.

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U of T Community Responds

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make counselling and other support, such as assistance contacting family overseas, available to international students who may have been affected by the crisis. Students who may need academic accommodation because of the disaster — if their return travel has been delayed, for example, or if they have to interrupt their studies because of family concerns — should contact their faculty or college registrars for information, Farrar advised.

Resources available to U of T students, staff and faculty seeking counselling include the student crisis response co-ordinator Helen Slade (416-946-7111) and the chaplains' office (416-978-8100). Students can also access support through Counselling and Learning Skills Services (416-978-7970) and Psychiatric Services (416-978-8070), counsellor Jian Su at the International Student Centre (416-978-8774), the UTSC Health and Wellness Centre (416-287-7065) and the UTM Health Service (905-828-5255). Staff and faculty can also access confidential help through Family Services Employee Assistance Program at 1-800-668-9920.

The senior administration has launched discussions about how U of T might best support areas affected by the disaster in the long term.

"From a university perspective we are looking at various long-term initiatives the university might get involved in with universities in affected areas, such as student or research exchanges or provision of educational materials," Farrar said. "It's going to take a while to formalize these kinds of initiatives."

Frank Iacobucci, interim

president, sent an e-mail of condolence to alumni in Asia and on Jan. 2 issued a statement expressing sympathy for those affected by the tsunamis and encouraging the university community to contribute to the many organizations that are collecting funds to aid in the crisis. A number of campus groups have already become actively involved in fundraising initiatives (see page 3).

"The scope of this tragedy is unimaginable but the response from Canadians across the country has been heartening," Iacobucci said. To read his full statement on the Asian tsunami tragedy, visit www.utoronto.ca/president; the statement includes a list of some of the non-governmental organizations accepting donations that will be matched by the federal government until Jan. 11.

Monitoring Students Abroad

IF AN INCIDENT OVERSEAS THREATENS the safety of U of T students studying in other countries, the university's safety abroad adviser moves into action.

Holly Luffman works within the International Student Exchange Office to provide health and safety information for students heading abroad on university-sponsored travel such as academic exchanges, study abroad programs, graduate student research or even athletic team travel.

She also helps to facilitate emergency support for these students in crisis situations, such as the Dec. 26 tsunamis, and maintains an emergency database of students involved in overseas exchange; they can register with an online database before departing, then update it with new contact information if their time overseas involves travel away from their host institution.

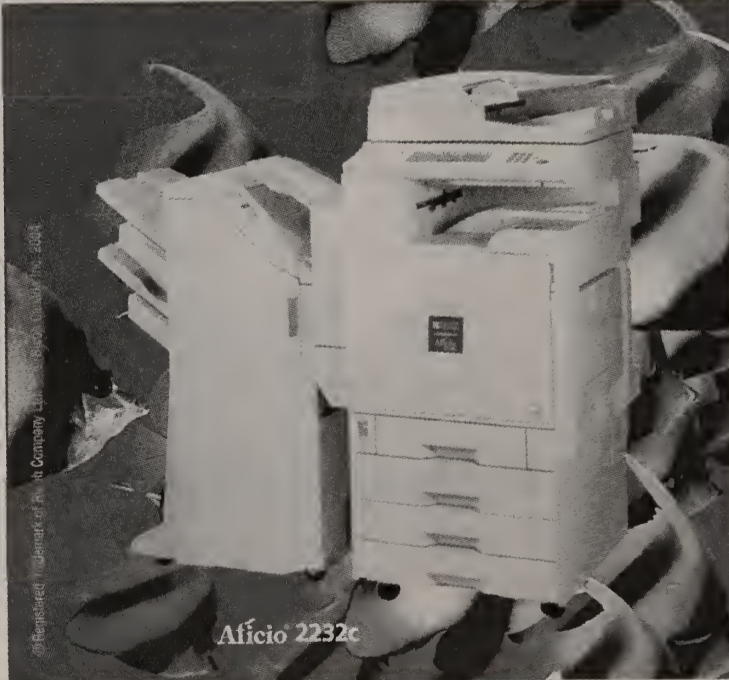
Since the office was created two years ago, it has alerted students overseas about major issues including SARS, the war in Iraq and terrorism. After the tsunamis struck in December, the office used its emergency database to e-mail updates from Foreign Affairs Canada to students in programs in Asia.

Fortunately, Luffman said, most students who travel for academic exchanges in southern Asia do so in the summer and none of the universities that U of T has formal exchange programs with were in the affected areas.

While most students using the service are undergraduates on academic exchange, the office is increasingly providing support to graduate students conducting research or attending conferences overseas. Pre-departure support includes training on the logistics of travel, culture shock, issues of diversity and what to do in the event of a crisis (see www.utoronto.ca/safetyabroad for tips).

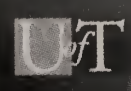
"We talk to students about the possibility of the unknown and about how to develop their own strategies. I'm pretty proud of the program but the reality is that we're here and they're overseas," Luffman said. "What we can do is try to help minimize the effects of any tragedy or crisis and try to get them to take steps to minimize risk."

In December, 357 U of T students were registered in Luffman's database as residing outside Canada, 264 of whom are on exchange.





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POSITIVE CHARGE

Undergrad promotes science to young girls

By Karen Kelly

AT THE AGE OF NINE, LARISSA VINGILIS-JAREMKO noticed an alarming trend among her female school peers.

"The girls hated science, they thought of scientists as old men with crazy hair," says the psychology major. "I've never had that anti-science mentality with my mother being a scientist and my father an engineer. I wanted to change the view of people in my class."

Determined, Vingilis-Jaremkko invited a female researcher to speak about science. After the talk another realization hit: if the girls in her class had these prejudices against science, surely many others did too. This led to the genesis of the Canadian Association for Girls in Science (CAGIS), a club for girls aged seven to 16 dedicated to exploring science, technology and math.

"One of our aims is to normalize science, not just physics and chemistry but what's all around us," says Vingilis-Jaremkko, who oversees all national activities in her role as president. "Sometimes, we're engineers and we're looking at aerodynamics in a wind tunnel and then at the next event we might be learning about the science of printmaking."

The organization recently received one of the 2004 Michael Smith Awards for Science Promotion. The award, named after the University of British Columbia professor who won the 1993 Nobel Prize in chemistry, honours individuals and organizations who make an outstanding contribution to the promotion of science in Canada.

"It was really wonderful because it's a very prestigious award within the science promotion community and it tells us that we have achieved a level of excellence," says Vingilis-Jaremkko, who accepted the

award on behalf of the organization.

With 10 chapters across Canada and another two launching this month, CAGIS boasts thousands of members and shows no signs of slowing down. The girls compare science notes in an interactive virtual clubhouse and attend monthly meetings. Part of its popularity stems from the fact that CAGIS promotes science in a "fun" way. Members meet monthly for 90-minute activity sessions to learn about science in the broadest sense.

"The girls go to the workplace of a woman in science, they learn a bit about that area and then they follow it up with a lot of fun hands-on activities," says Vingilis-Jaremkko. "Unfortunately sometimes science is taught purely out of a textbook, which can be boring for children. By doing it in this way, it really changes the image these girls have of science."

Another message Vingilis-Jaremkko tries to convey through CAGIS is that science can be a fun pastime for the curious, not an all-consuming profession. While her major is psychology, she studies everything from ecology to French. "I'm personally interested in so many different things that I didn't even want to choose a major at first," she says. "We try to tell the girls that it's okay to have a number of interests; you can still be interested in the arts, in sports and be in science at the same time."

While she's campaigned tirelessly to promote science, Vingilis-Jaremkko isn't one to pat herself on the back. When forced to reflect, however, she recognizes how far CAGIS has come. "The organization has been in existence for so long it's hard to step back," she says. "It happens slowly, step-by-step, every next step is logical but when you step back and look at it, it's incredible."



Larissa Vingilis-Jaremkko at the botany greenhouses on top of the Earth Sciences Centre

DAVID STREET

Bring It On: U of T Prepared for Snow

By Jessica Whiteside

WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS frightful, the most pressing question on many of U of T's great minds may well be, Will school be cancelled?

In cases where weather conditions are severe enough to warrant the cancellation of classes and/or the closure of a campus, the university will use a range of communications tools to let students, faculty and staff know what's happening.

In the event of cancellation or closure on any of the three campuses, the university's public affairs department will notify major TV and radio outlets. A message will be posted at www.utoronto.ca and recorded on the snow line hotline

at 416-978-SNOW (7669).

This year the university will also be sending out a broadcast message to campus voice mails in the event of closure or cancellation on any campus. The broadcast message will be sent even if the announcement comes outside regular office hours; that way, if the snow line is busy and callers are unable to get through, they can try calling their own office voice mail to see if a closure message has been sent.

"This is the first year we'll be using the broadcast voice mail option," said Professor Angela Hildyard, vice-president (human resources and equity). "We're trying to give the campus community a greater range of options through which to learn about class

cancellations or campus closures due to severe weather."

Hildyard added that it is important to note that "class cancellation" and "campus closure" are not the same thing. Until a decision to close all operations on one or more campuses is announced, all campuses are to be considered open with non-teaching operations continuing even when classes have been cancelled. "Closing" the university is defined as a suspension of all activities with the exception of essential services.

Any location of the university that has been closed will automatically reopen the following day. Should it be necessary to continue closure beyond the first day, another announcement would be made, she said.

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FAILURE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

By JANICE GROSS STEIN

THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY THAT STRUCK THE coastal communities of the Indian Ocean is hard to comprehend. Generally, the poorest of the poor live in fishing communities along the coast and it is they who were the principal victims of the tsunami that raced through the ocean. What makes the death and suffering even more difficult to bear is the gnawing suspicion that some of these lives could have been saved if these coastal communities had been warned and ordered to evacuate to higher ground. The quick explanation of the failure to warn is the absence of the kind of integrated warning system for the Indian Ocean that exists for the Pacific Ocean. But, is that answer right? I think not.

Certainly, an integrated warning system for the Indian Ocean would have saved tens of thousands of lives. But tsunamis are rare in the Indian Ocean and no society can build warning systems against every low-probability but high-cost contingency. If we did, we would spend a disproportionate amount of our resources on warning systems. In the absence of a high-quality warning system with integrated communications systems, could anything else have been done?

News of the earthquake in the Indian Ocean did go to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre. The centre originally estimated the magnitude of the earthquake as an 8.0 but quickly revised its estimate upward to 9.0. But the size of an earthquake does not correlate directly with a tsunami; not all quakes lift the ocean's floor. Only when the first waves hit Sumatra did the director of the United Nations Tsunami Education Centre in Honolulu become alarmed. It would be just over an hour before the tsunami rolled into Thailand and Malaysia and well over two hours for Sri Lanka and India. What could be done in that short time to warn? With no warning system in place, how could that official have notified governments around the Indian Ocean?

Thailand and Indonesia were warned, but earlier as part of the Pacific warning system. Phone calls were hurriedly made around the Indian Ocean but colleagues were difficult to reach. The director did have a conference call with an official at the State Department to share information.

Here is where officials need to think outside the box but often fail to do so. Even during the holiday season, with people away from their desks, they could have scrambled to notify senior officials at the Pentagon who, in turn, could have warned their counterparts around the Indian Ocean. Officials could also have gone to the highest levels of the U.S. government through the office of the national security adviser. Here too, within a matter of

minutes, that office could have alerted governments around the Indian Ocean. Most governments have national alert systems in place that are managed by the military or offices of emergency preparedness. These alert systems often rely on special radio channels and television broadcasts that activate sirens to warn the public. Although the alerts would not have reached everyone in remote low-lying coastal communities, they certainly would have reached many of those who were killed.

What else could officials in Honolulu and Washington have done? I asked my students in my introductory course in international relations that question and they came up with a stream of imaginative and unorthodox ideas. Alert CNN and the all-news television stations, one student suggested, since they broadcast throughout the region, especially in capital cities. Some local officials would undoubtedly have heard the warning and checked it with their own capital. Blanket the World Wide Web, another suggested. Messages travel almost instantaneously and

officials in every capital are constantly monitoring web broadcasts. Use text messaging, a third student argued. If text messaging gets people into the streets to demonstrate, it would have warned enough people in the capital cities so that national alerts could have been activated. Over 50 per cent of Malaysians, for example, use text messaging. Hong Kong used text messaging to inform its citizens about SARS.

Not all of these suggestions are practical. Text messages are easily "hacked" and can be used to spread false information. Even when the warning is accurate, it may spread widely and quickly but not always go where it needs to go. Nevertheless, the advantage of this kind of networked communication is that because the system is blitzed over and over again, some of the messages do get where they need to go, even within a very short time period.

My students were right. They thought outside the box, didn't worry overly much about channels, paid even less attention to procedure and quickly designed a network to activate multiple points, build redundancy into the system and use publicly available media to push through all the usual obstacles. Officials don't tend to think this way. They did not think this way in the run up to Sept. 11 and they did not think this way in the critical few hours after the first tsunami struck. We cannot prepare for the unimaginable unless we learn to think laterally outside existing hierarchies. Hopefully our young people are much better at lateral thinking than we are.

University Professor Janice Gross Stein is director of the Munk Centre for International Studies and the Belzberg Professor of Conflict Management. This article, originally commissioned for The Bulletin, has also appeared in the Globe and Mail.

GEOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY CONFLICT AND COMPASSION

By DAVID WILSON

the victims. We owe these survivors the duty of keeping the spotlight upon their plight so that the mistakes of previous aid provision are not repeated. That is, we must ensure the sustainability of relief and rehabilitation initiatives.

The *New York Times* noted the "intersection of tragedies," civil war and the tsunami. My work in post-conflict nations with international agencies tells me that the added difficulties posed by internecine warfare and military activity make sustainability of relief and rehabilitation much more difficult. This is another aspect that we should pay continuing attention to. While the truces in Sri Lanka and Aceh appear to be holding, the action of isolated military units in both nations is disturbing. This is yet another reason for us to keep the spotlight shining.

I was encouraged that Canadian aid personnel in Sri Lanka consulted with experienced non-governmental organization (NGO) personnel in the region. One program I evaluated several years ago has the experience and expertise to negotiate delivery of assistance across front-line barriers. We should bear in mind that pronouncements from capital cities are often disregarded by military and civil authorities in outlying areas. I also find it disturbing that the Indian government has prohibited international relief efforts on the Andaman and Nicobar islands, ostensibly to protect their aboriginal populations. Other news sources have mentioned a different reason: off-limit military installations.

This brings me to another dimension of my reaction — technology. There are two aspects here. First, there is the phenomenal impact of information and communications technologies. Television brought nearly instantaneous coverage into homes worldwide. However, even more interesting is dissemination of one- and two-way information over the Internet. On bulletin boards and weblogs (blogs) everything from candid photos and videos to poignant searches for survivors has developed. Again, I wonder how long our attention span will focus upon the physical and human aspects of this disaster.

Another aspect is the dichotomy between high and low technologies. I commend the United States, Singapore and other donors for their relatively speedy provision of helicopters to move aid from accessible airports to inaccessible areas affected by the disaster. The foremost bottleneck of most previous aid initiatives has been our inability to get assistance to those who need it the most. I have personally witnessed this dilemma in the six post-conflict nations where I have worked.

In marked contrast to the high-tech use of helicopters and front-end loaders, I find the Thai and Sri Lankan usage of elephants to clear rubble and move victims to be highly appropriate technologies. Here, I chose to ignore the treatment in the news media as "curious." Our westernized cultures tend to view what we do not understand very well as being "quaint." I am pleased that I have not (yet) heard the overly misused word "jungle" to describe the tropical rain forest. We must educate our students and our fellow citizens

Just a week ago around London. She told me and how one of my cousins married a couple of months caught in the waves along in their van. When the friend hugging each other than three minutes. The now, I still can't stop the much. What's even worse Sri Lanka, the Tamils, had homes and family members houses and went back to have to start all over again their lives and help those



THOSE OF US FAMILIAR WITH THE PHYSICAL, cultural and political conditions in the countries hardest hit by the tsunami disaster are asked to interpret the chain of events that began Dec. 26 with a devastating earthquake and an even more devastating tidal wave. The fickle nature of worldwide press coverage began, as usual, with an inordinate focus upon western victims. Surprisingly, once the magnitude of the largest recent natural disaster became known this coverage shifted to examine the impact upon the local victims. I, for one, find this both refreshing and encouraging.

In previous disasters, the impact upon coastal populations has not been as severe due to demography. That is, during the Krakatoa disaster in the 1880s, fewer people were in that tsunami's path. In addition, the only more recent development of worldwide tourism meant that nationals from more affluent nations were not then present on these endangered coastlines.

Equally encouraging is the unfolding of the largest aid operation in history. While the "bidding war" of escalating aid contributions has now reached \$2.5 billion, history suggests we should examine how much of this aid actually reaches

and 3 a.m. I received a call from one of my aunts in Sri Lanka that there has been a flood back home in Sri Lanka. My cousins got caught in it and passed away. He just got back a few months back and had a pharmacy in Sri Lanka. He got together with his friends and was swept away into the sea. When he returned back to land they found him and his family with fright in their eyes. It all happened in less than a day. They told me it was like a vacuum. It has been a week since I started thinking about it. Nothing has ever moved me this much. I think about all this is the people of northeastern part of Sri Lanka. They have been most affected by this. These people lost their homes and family members from the war. They started to build back their lives and go to their daily lives but again after this disaster they are in pain. All I can do right now is pray for those who lost their lives and those who are alive, and thank God my parents are all right.

From the weblog of Rubini Yogarajah, second-year psychology, UTSC.

I was freaking out because our family was in the coastal areas [of Sri Lanka] and we tried contacting them but we couldn't reach them at all. There were conflicts in Sri Lanka. I was so devastated to see that. These people were going through so much before. And there's nothing we can do about it. I was even thinking of taking a semester off and going back. Then I did some research and people told me it wasn't a good idea. They don't lack manpower there; it's more like aid is not going and we can do so much here. We're not even sure because there's a lot of people misplaced and I don't even know if my cousin is alive. He lived in one of the coastal areas as well and it's wiped. I think he might be at one of the relief camps and he might not be able to contact because so many things are happening there, not enough aid is being reached there. I don't even want to think about it.

Sujany Krishnalingam, second-year materials science and engineering.



in Phuket, the small beach-front area of our resort was the most badly hit in all of Thailand. Of the 425 guests in our hotel, 360 were missing or dead and it was unknown how many were injured. So as I sit here in Bangkok right now, safe and with my family, it is hard to describe the overwhelming feelings that I am experiencing. It is a mixture of happiness that I am alive, intense sadness for the victims, but most of all, motivation to go back home and do what I can to help those who are left stranded with nothing.

Melody Hui, second-year psychology at UTSC; excerpted from an article she wrote for the newsletter of the Association of Biology and Chemistry Students.

“THE CURRENT STARTED PICKING UP ... ”

Faculty member's son under water when tsunami hit — and lives to write home about it

Professor Ed Fife of architecture, landscape and design spent a tense period waiting with his family for word from their son Mike, a scuba diving guide who has been in Thailand for the past two years. Following is Mike's first letter home after the tsunami.

IT'S A DISASTER AREA HERE right now. Most things are closed. People are madly trying to contact home and leave the island. We are still trying to take stock of things right now, no idea yet how bad the damage is, if everyone we know is OK or not and what this means for the rest of the season here. Everyone was up in the mountains yesterday until nighttime waiting to get information on whether the island would be hit again, there was talk that even bigger waves would hit and of course lots of rumours and misinformation.

I was diving on Phi Phi Island when everything started. I had just gotten in the water with two 12-13-year-old boys and their father. I realized the current was moving in the wrong direction which was strange. I told the boat captain I would dive in the opposite direction and we began the dive.

The current started picking up immediately. Before I knew it I was moving faster through the

water than I ever have. Up ahead I saw the current was so strong it was tearing everything loose from the wall we were diving along.

I grabbed one of the boys and the father took the other. There was no way to avoid going into the cloud ahead. Then we were thrown up within a couple of metres of the surface. Then we were taken straight down. I was swimming up as hard as I could and inflating my jacket but we still went down, the ears were killing. My computer was going crazy (I looked at the profile after, it's wild). It took us up and down two or three times. I was most scared about having the kids with me, but we held on to them, did a stop, and came up. The current had surged us forward and then back in the opposite direction so we came up to the surface in almost the same spot.

The boat was OK, we had everyone on the boat except for one group. The water was unbelievable. It looked like a flood. Water was flooding out of the island between the cliffs. People were trapped in Maya Bay; the waves were too big for boats to go into the bay. There were overturned long tail boats. The way the water was swelling and surging around the island, I thought the last group had been swept away. There was an anxious 45

minutes as we searched for them. Incredibly, they were not in the worst of the current the way we were and were able to finish the dive. It was a relief to see them come up.

After that things calmed down quite a bit. We didn't know at that time what was going on and how widespread it was. We couldn't get any information on the marine radio. Because we knew so little, we were actually thinking about another dive. I asked the captain to radio the other dive boats to find out what they were planning to do. I checked the current in a protected spot, other companies were starting dives. We had no idea what had really happened. I wouldn't start the dive until we got some information but the phone network was busy. Then we started getting reports over the radio about people lost, deco cases, missing people, but that was one or two hours later and we still didn't know the scope of what had happened and how it had affected the whole region. Other dive companies started heading back and I decided to do the same. All the boats were hanging out in the middle of the harbour because they couldn't go in. We still didn't know how hard Phi Phi had been hit.

When we got back to Koh Lanta we finally saw what had

happened. All the resorts on the beach were smashed up. There was a sail boat overturned, long tails floating around upside down. Everything was deserted. We had to avoid all the debris in the water with the boat. I was at the resort on the beach when it came in and had to run with everyone else to get away from it. They say it sucked the water down five to 10 metres, then waves started coming in. The biggest was about three metres. They say Phi Phi was hit with 10 metres.

We raced back to the harbour as we heard for the first time by phone that more waves would be coming. The captain took the boat up into the klongs [canals] to keep it safe. The town was mostly deserted and debris was all over the road. When I got back we went and hung out in a restaurant in the mountains. Now people are trying to get organized, get news and clean things up.

For dad and Stuart who are coming to visit, don't worry too much about this now. I'll know more in a few days. Worst case, the east coast is not far away and has not been affected.

I'll let you know more in a little while. Hope everyone is well there.

Merry Xmas and new year,
Mike

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LETTERS



A FUTURE FOR WORLD CITIZENSHIP?

Inveterate humorist and bibliophile Nicholas Pashley spoke volumes in *Take a Good Book* (On the Other Hand, Dec. 13). In this sparkling gem of commentary, Pashley sardonically characterizes the doubtful benefits of national citizenship. The latter contentious artifact is being explored by Rhodes Scholar Ashwini Vasanthakumar (page 3). Is there a future for world citizenship?

FRED BRAILEY
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SAVING ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES IMPORTANT

I greatly enjoyed the article on the new course, Language Revitalization, being taught in U of T's linguistics department (New course may end up saving

languages, Spotlight on Research, Nov. 29). It's good to see attention being paid to the great cultural and intellectual wealth of aboriginal languages that Canada is so fortunate to have within its borders — and to see U of T playing an important role in publicizing what the country (and the world) stands to lose if these languages die out. Bravo to the linguistics department and thanks for the article!

MARTHA MCGINNIS
ALUMNA

PRECEPTS OF BIBLE AS INERRANT HARD TO ACCEPT

Let me start by saying I am not a graduate of U of T (or indeed any university) but as a donor I do get copies of *The Bulletin* which are always interesting. I have always believed that, if nothing else, a university does instil in its students some notion of critical thinking and I was therefore astounded to read the letter in *The Bulletin* in which an alumna states that, as an evangelical, she believes the Bible is the inerrant Word of God (Not All Evangelicals Are Republicans, Dec. 13). Assuming she has indeed really read the Bible, I find it very hard to accept that anyone

can believe that its precepts — which include fostering genocide and polygamy, stoning stubborn sons to death, the carrying off of women from captured cities if a man fancies them and so on (quite apart from its contradictions) — are "inerrant."

In an article in the *U of T Magazine*, Professor Dennis O'Hara, who teaches ecological and Christian ethics, is quoted as saying that when people convince themselves there is no higher accountability (e.g., God) it's easier to believe the universe is essentially meaningless and that, once you reach that conclusion, the concept of the common good falls away (Why Good People Do Bad Things, winter 2005). There is absolutely no logical connection whatsoever between a belief in the meaninglessness of the universe and a failure to believe in the common good. In fact, the reverse is true. Once we cease believing in some higher authority we are more likely to accept that the common good is paramount. If the logic of the alumna follows that of the professor, well, it is no wonder that biblical inerrancy or anything else can be swept into its net.

PETER WEINRICH
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BOOKS



Dante, Cinema and Television, edited by Amilcare A. Iannucci (U of T Press; 270 pages; \$55 cloth, \$27.95 paper). The *Divine Comedy* of Dante Alighieri (1265-1321) is one of the seminal works of western literature and its impact on modern culture has been enormous. The essays in this book, from a broad range of disciplines, focus on role of the *Divine Comedy* in the evolution of the visual media from cinema's silent era on through to the era of sound and the advent of television as well as its impact on specific directors, actors and episodes, on national/regional cinema and television and on genres. They also consider the different modes of appropriation by cinema and television.

A History of Odessa, the Last Italian Black Sea Colony, by Anna Makolkin (Edwin Mellen Press; 279 pages; \$109.95 US). This study reconstructs the original Italian history of Odessa, founded in 1794 by the immigrants from Genoa and Naples, Venice and Palermo. Having revised the narratives of the tsarist, Soviet, pre-perestroika and post-communist past, it not

only reclaims the first Italian settlers but examines the process of forging Europeanness, a cultural identity, nation and people. European culture has been notably influenced by Italian civilization and Odessa is one of the important manifestations of this phenomenon and the book places this 18th-century migration to the Black Sea into various contexts.

The Monetary Geography of Africa, by Paul Masson and Catherine Pattilio (Brookings Institution Press; 217 pages; \$39.95). Should Africa work towards a single currency? Can the European Union be a model for African nations? The goal of a common African currency has long been a pillar of African unity but there are many pitfalls along the road to achieving that goal. This book analyses the current situation and prospects for further integrations, surveying the postwar history of African exchange rate regimes and evaluating proposals for regional currency areas and the ultimate goal of a single African currency. The text is accompanied by numerous maps and supporting statistical material.

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Advertising Bias, Investing After NAFTA

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Advertising gender bias

Gender bias in pharmaceutical advertisements for cardiovascular disease may affect treatment, says a new U of T study.

After examining 919 cardiovascular drug ads displayed in American medical and cardiovascular journals published between January 1996 and June 1998, Professor Angela Cheung of medicine and colleagues concluded that 80 per cent depicted male patients and the remaining 20 per cent featured women. They are concerned that the gender inequity seen in the ads may contribute to known disparities in how physicians treat men and women with similar heart problems.

"Studies have shown that women are referred later and less frequently for cardiac catheterization and for coronary artery bypass surgery," said Cheung. "There are also gender-based differences in the use of Aspirin,

beta-blockers and thrombolytic therapies.

"The gender bias in advertising is a cause for concern, since there is evidence from other research that physicians use pharmaceutical advertisements as an important source of medical information."

The study also determined that the age and race of patients in ads differed according to gender. The women were portrayed as younger than the men, despite the fact that heart disease affects women later in life than it does men. There were also few non-whites shown in the ads — the typical patient depicted was a middle-aged white male. The authors note that physicians routinely underestimate the prevalence and severity of heart disease among women and express concern that their findings also mirror the medical literature.

"While efforts to increase

female representation in cardiovascular trials are ongoing, the vast majority of scientific evidence is based on men," Cheung said.

ELAINE SMITH

Predicting postpartum depression

Recent immigration, lack of partner support and pregnancy-induced hypertension are significant factors in predicting whether women will experience depressive symptoms soon after giving birth, says a U of T researcher.

Professor Cindy-Lee Dennis of nursing and colleagues at the University of British Columbia have developed a model that predicts which mothers are at high risk of developing depressive symptoms in the early postpartum period.

Their study looked at almost 600 mothers in British Columbia between April 2001 and January 2002. Early detection is important, said Dennis, since low mood shortly after delivery is a reliable predictor of later developing postpartum depression.

"Postpartum depression is a major public health issue that has significant consequences for the mother, child and family," Dennis said. "Fortunately, postpartum depression is amenable to supportive interventions early in the postpartum period. Previous studies have identified high-risk mothers at six to eight weeks after birth. Why wait until the mothers are depressed? Why not identify symptoms early so that secondary preventive interventions can be initiated?"

Previous research has suggested

that 13 per cent of new mothers suffer from postpartum depression. Such depression may incapacitate them and it also has a negative impact on their babies. Children of depressed mothers may exhibit attachment insecurity, emotional developmental delay and difficulties with social interaction.

The researchers identified a number of factors that make women vulnerable to depressive symptoms in the immediate postpartum period including immigration during the five years prior to giving birth, pregnancy-induced hypertension, lack of partner support and lack of readiness for hospital discharge. The researchers also determined it is important to assess past depressive episodes, vulnerable personality traits, recent stressful life events, availability of support and maternal adjustment in identifying new mothers at risk for postpartum depression.

ELAINE SMITH

Foreign investment declines after NAFTA

Fewer U.S.-based multinational companies are investing in Canada since it formed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the U.S. and Mexico in 1994, say researchers at U of T.

"U.S. multinationals no longer need to locate in Canada to access its market," said Professor Walid Hejazi of the Rotman School of Management and co-author of the study. "In the past, foreign multinational enterprises would locate in this country to avoid paying tariffs. Now that there is free trade

within North America, these companies can locate near wealthier and more productive environments in America and simply export to Canada."

Hejazi and co-author Professor Emeritus A.E. Safarian of the Rotman School examined the impact of NAFTA on its member countries and on other countries. They compared the gross domestic product (GDP) of the U.S. with 52 countries from 1970 to 2002 and also looked at the amount of U.S. foreign direct investment in these countries over the same period. The researchers found Canada only receives 10 per cent of U.S. foreign investment whereas Europe receives more than half; this contrasts sharply to 40 years ago when Canada received the same amount of U.S. foreign investment as Europe. Canada also holds three per cent of the world's GDP compared with Europe, which has more than 20 per cent. However, the U.S. trades about the same amount with Canada as it does with Europe. NAFTA also resulted in more trade by the U.S. with wealthy countries whereas much of the U.S. trade with developing countries has been replaced by less expensive imports from Mexico.

"The answer to this foreign direct investment dilemma is to improve Canada's productivity performance and its investment environment. This is a difficult challenge and one that has received the attention of both policy-makers and academics," Hejazi said.

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Prof. Elizabeth Edwards, chemical engineering and applied chemistry. 116 Wallberg Building. 12:30 p.m. *Chemical Engineering & Applied Chemistry.*

A Multicultural City in Roman Asia Minor: The Rediscovery of Kibyra and Its Territory.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Frederique Landuyt, classics. Alumni Hall, Victoria College. 5:30 p.m. *Archaeological Institute of America, Toronto Society*

The Early Transcaucasian Culture of Greater Mesopotamia.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Stephen Batiuk, Near and Middle Eastern civilizations. 142 Earth Sciences Building. 8 p.m. *Canadian Society for Mesopotamian Studies*

Mechanisms for Depressed Contractility in Heart Failure: How Can We Fix Them?

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Prof. Steven Houser, Temple University School of Medicine. 103 FitzGerald Building. 5 p.m. *Heart & Stroke/Richard Lewar Centre of Excellence*

The Literature of Africa and Its Diaspora.

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Kofi Anyidoho, poet-composer and literary critic; Conversations: Writers and Readers in Dialogue series. William Doo Auditorium, New College Residence, 45 Willcocks St. 6 p.m. *English and Chancellor Jackman Program for the Arts*

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Diana Robinson, animal behaviourist; fundraiser for the Human Animal Bond Association of Canada. 2-214 OISE/UT, 252 Bloor St. W. 7 p.m. Admission \$10, two for \$15 in advance, students \$5. Information: 416-923-6641, ext. 2550; mschneider@oise.utoronto.ca.

Witness to History: The Hôtel de Cluny, an Abbot's Palace in

Renaissance Paris.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Myra Rosenfeld, CRRS fellow. Senior Common Room, Burwash Hall, Victoria University. 4 p.m. *Reformation & Renaissance Studies and Toronto Renaissance & Reformation Colloquium*

Outsourcing Power: Private Police, Prisons and War.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Prof. Martha Minow, Harvard Law School; Cecil Wright memorial lecture. Bennett Lecture Hall, Flavelle House, 78 Queen's Park Cres. 4:30 p.m. *Law*

From Molecules to Planets.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Prof. Ewine van Dishoeck, Leiden University; Helen Sawyer Hogg distinguished lecture. Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building. 7:30 p.m. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*

After 100 Years: The Lasting Theological Contributions of Yves M.J. Congar, OP.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Prof. Em. Thomas O'Meara, University of Notre Dame. Sam Sorbara Hall, University of St. Michael's College, 81 St. Mary St. 7 p.m. *Theology, University of St. Michael's College and the Dominican Family of Toronto*

Recent Projects.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Steven Holl, principal, Steven Holl Architects. Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. 7 p.m. *Architecture, Landscape & Design*

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Theorizing Religion and Peace Building: Contributions From Christian Efforts in the Middle East.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Prof. Paul Rowe, University of Western Ontario; Religion, International Diplomacy & Economics series. 208N Munk Centre for International Studies. Noon to 1:30 p.m. *Trinity College, International Studies and Study of Religion*

Investigating French Teachers' L1 and L2 Use: Beliefs and Practices.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Prof. Miles Turnbull, University of Prince Edward Island. 4-414 OISE/UT, 252 Bloor St. W. 1:30 to 3 p.m. *Modern Language Centre, Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, OISE/UT*

Privacy Issues in Human Research.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Kate Dewhirst, legal counsel, Centre for Addiction & Mental Health. Meeting Centre, Russell St. site, 33 Russell St. Noon. *Addiction & Mental Health*

SEMINARS

Thinking Outside the Skinner Box: Plasticity Without Learning in Hormone-Dependent Behavioural Systems.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Prof. Ashley Monks, psychology, U of T at Mississauga. 1084 Sidney Smith Hall. 4 p.m. *Psychology*

An Intelligent Emergency Response System: Automatically Detecting Falls in the Home.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Prof. Alex Mihailidis, rehabilitation science. Suite 106, 222 College St. Noon to 1:30 p.m. *Human Development, Life Course & Aging*

Brownfield Redevelopment in Canada: Urban Health Care.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Todd Latham, EcoLog Information Resources Group. 113 Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management. 4 p.m. *Environmental Studies*

Panel: Dilemmas of Maintaining Equitable Development in the Global South.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Marc Edelman, Hunter College; Patrick Heller, Brown University; Richard Sandbrook, U of T; Judith Teichman, U of T. 108N Munk Centre for International Studies. 3 to 5 p.m. *Political Science and International Studies*

Misfolding of Membrane Protein in Human Genetic Diseases.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Prof. Charles Deber, biochemistry. 2172 Medical Sciences Building. 4 p.m. *Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology*



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Committee on Academic Planning & Programs.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall. 4:10 p.m.

Academic Board.

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Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall. 4:10 p.m.

Business Board.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall. 5 p.m.

University Affairs Board.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall. 4:30 p.m.

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Concert featuring the music of Kelly-Marie Murphy. Walter Hall. 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Contemporary opera showcase; Sandra Horst, conductor. Walter Hall. 12:10 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Composers forum with Kelly-Marie Murphy. Room 330. 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Concert featuring Steve Reich's Music for 18 Musicians; ensemble directed by Russell Hartenberger. MacMillan Theatre. 8 p.m.

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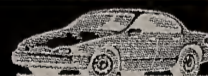
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BEYOND KID STUFF

Imagining a blueprint for a national childcare program

By MARTHA FRIENDLY

THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE SEEN THE RISE OF UNPRECEDENTED RESPECT FOR CHILD CARE AS part of Canadian social and economic policy. Today the phrase “early learning and child care” (ELCC) signifies that child care is about much more than looking after children while the mother is employed. All available information shows that early learning and child care is important for families and children across economic categories, social groups and regions. Middle class, poor and affluent families as well as immigrants, aboriginal and rural parents across Canada use ELCC programs if they are available and affordable, suggesting that parents across a broad social spectrum seek the best start in life for their children. At the same time, mothers’ labour force participation rises each year, reaching 74 per cent of Canadian women with children aged three to five in 2001.

The federal government has begun to demonstrate serious commitment to high-quality universal early learning and child care. The promise of a national program was a key Liberal commitment in the 2004 federal election. Pre-implementation got underway in the fall as intensive discussion commenced about the scope and nature of provincially/territorially delivered programs. An announcement is expected next month followed by a federal budget and new childcare dollars for the provinces/territories beginning April 1.

But what will be the nature of this nationally funded but provincially delivered program? Who will use it? Who will pay for it? Who will run it? These important policy questions have both short- and long-term answers. While the promise of universal access made by the Martin government and endorsed by the provinces/territories will be fulfilled only over a period of years — perhaps longer than a decade — the choices made now will shape the new system.

Three kinds of information contribute to imagining an effective blueprint for Canada’s newest social program. The first, the Liberal election document Foundations: A National Early Learning and Childcare System, sets out the principles. Second is the extensive body of research that has much to say about the most effective ways of achieving Foundations’ promises. And third is a detailed analysis in 2004 of Canada’s ELCC by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Together these put forward feasible goals for the program and evidence-based recommendations about how it can best be implemented.

The election document commits to enshrining four principles in legislation — quality, universality, accessibility and developmental (or QUAD). Provided provincial early learning and childcare programs meet the QUAD principles, the document states, provinces will have flexibility in program design and implementation.

Research has shown how quality in ELCC is associated with: attracting and retaining staff well trained in early childhood education; good support, leadership and remuneration; not-for-profit operation; adequate and well-directed financing; and government regulation adequate to set an acceptable “floor” for service delivery. Canadian economic research on the costs and benefits of universal ELCC found that, in terms of better developmental outcomes, government funding will eventually generate \$2 for every \$1 invested. The same study’s calculation of accessibility through additional government funding is consistent with public financing in countries with universal programs such as Sweden and Denmark. Finally, voluminous research has found an extremely strong correlation between enhanced child development and ELCC programs, but only if they are high quality.

In-depth analysis of Canadian ELCC was conducted as part of OECD’s 20-nation Thematic Review of Early Childhood Education and Care. The 2004 report commented on the over-arching issues for Canada: policy at national and provincial levels is incoherent and ineffective; ELCC is severely under-financed; and quality and access are both inadequate. This international study offered a comparative perspective and comprehensive recommendations just as Canada’s national childcare program is getting underway.

With the four principles of QUAD as a starting point, one can imagine a policy blueprint for the national childcare program based on the research and the in-depth OECD analysis. It is important to bear in mind that: building a universal program will be a long-term venture; in Canada’s federation, it is as suitable to have common principles for a national ELCC program as it is to have national principles for medicare; setting different priorities in the different provinces is appropriate for reflecting the different stages of ELCC development across Canada.

A workable blueprint for a system that will grow to meet the QUAD principles must include a planned — not a market — approach, ongoing quality improvement and new funding methods. Meeting the QUAD principles will require shifting from the incoherent market approach that has shaped Canada’s ELCC patchwork thus far.

Establishing a well-resourced ELCC secretariat in the federal government could play a key role in the program’s long-term success. It would be charged with working

collaboratively with the provinces/territories to enhance co-operation across Canada; putting the policy framework into action; developing and maintaining ties with experts and the community to facilitate knowledge-sharing; and determining resource and research needs.

A primary condition for transferring federal funds should be preparation of individual plans that recognize regional differences but all work towards achieving the QUAD principles. The OECD suggested three-year planning cycles with clear goal and target setting, timelines, roles and responsibilities and regular data collection and analysis and supportive evaluation. The OECD also suggested Canada’s “vibrant research community and stakeholder constituency” should be given “obligatory and legal status”; this should occur at both federal and provincial levels to improve the policy process and enhance knowledge.

Over the years, there has been much concern about the mediocre quality of Canadian child care. Today there is reasonable consensus that improving quality is not as simple as raising staff wages, increasing training requirements or holding workshops. One of the key overall messages of the OECD study is that high-quality programs require a quality system — and a quality system is established through good policy.

Sustained and well-directed financing will play a key role, as will improved regulation, new infrastructure and greater recognition and support for early childhood educators.

But ultimately, it is the overall ELCC situation that must change. The OECD recommends the program focus on broad national aims and on children’s holistic development and well-being rather than on detailed curricular objectives. This would include a statement of values, a summary of program standards (including child/staff ratios), outlining the knowledge and skills that children can expect to master across broad developmental areas and pedagogical guidelines outlining the processes through which children achieve these goals and how educators should support them.

The OECD considers funding to be the critical issue in Canada where affordability of services, access and quality are concerned. Sustained public financing must be part of a blueprint as it is crucial for meeting the QUAD principles. Federal commitment to long-term funding with short- and medium-term financial benchmarks will lead to a mature universal, high-quality system over time.

Ottawa must earmark capital dollars annually to ensure that ELCC programs have high-quality facilities in which to operate. These funds can be allocated on a one-time-only basis to provinces/territories in response to development of their multi-year plans. Funds to ensure the infrastructure required to support high-quality programs should also be earmarked. In order to get the new national program off to a good start, operating funds must ramp up year after year; by the end of the first five-year phase, federal funding should reach up to \$5-million annually.

A commitment to accountability means that public dollars should be well spent. There is good evidence about the most effective — that is, most likely to contribute to quality and universality — ways of spending childcare dollars. Several shifts in public spending would contribute to beginning to meet the QUAD principles.

First, provincial/territorial financing should be transformed from current parent subsidies (demand side) to operational global funding to programs (supply side). Even if there are affordable parent fees (as in Quebec and other countries), supply-side financing is prerequisite to tackling quality and universality. Without this transformation, achieving the QUAD principles will be difficult.

Second, as the system grows, expansion throughout Canada should take place through public and not-for-profit delivery. While reasonable arguments can be made for including existing for-profit programs in public funding, the pitfalls for quality and universality of opening the new public funding for ELCC to foreign and Canadian childcare businesses are too great to be ignored. Illustrations provided by the commercialization of child care in the U.S., U.K. and Australia, together with strong research evidence about poorer quality in for-profit centres in Canada, should provide pause for thought. Child care is not a business.

Third, the fragmentation of ELCC into “care” and “early learning” silos serves no one well — not children, parents or taxpayers. Provinces/territories should begin to develop plans for integrating kindergarten, child care and parenting supports into coherent ELCC programs as is the norm in most other countries and in Quebec.

Early learning and child care today is an area where much is known about the kinds of policy and financing approaches that will yield the best results. This blueprint is based on the best available evidence for ensuring that the QUAD principles use “good” policy options as the commitment to a national system of universal early learning and child care moves into the implementation stage.

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